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Ex Parte

October 26, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary 445 Twelfth Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of US West Communications, Inc., for a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Provision of National Directory Assistance, CC Dkt. 97-172

Dear Ms. Salas,

On October 26, the undersigned and Angela Brown of BellSouth met with Anne Stevens, William Kehoe and Christine Newcomb of the Common Carrier Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues raised by the October 5, 2001 BellSouth letter to Michelle Carey. That letter addressed prior Commission application of the de minimis standard and its relationship to BellSouth's pending Petition for Limited Reconsideration filed in the above captioned proceeding.

In response to an October 15, 2001 exparte by WorldCom in this proceeding, BellSouth noted that its request regarding ownership of storage facilities would have no impact on existing FCC rules regarding non-discriminatory access to directory listings.

This notice is being filed pursuant to Sec. 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary L. Henze

cc: A. Stevens W. Kehoe C. Newcomb